

Amendments to the claims:

1. An Apparatus apparatus comprising a controllable flow rate, filtered, vent for an ostomy pouch, the vent having a plurality of outlets and a device for controlling the rate of flow of gas through the vent, the device comprising adhesive sticker means which can be positioned and re-positioned to selectively expose or cover one or more of the plurality of outlets, and thereby regulate variably the rate of flow of gas according to the outlets exposed.
2. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the flow rate is controllable according to the number of outlets exposed.
3. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sticker means comprises a sticker dimensioned so that it is of sufficient size to be able to cover all of the outlets.
4. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one or more of the outlets comprises a hole in a layer to which the sticker means is adherable.
5. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one or more of the outlets comprises a clearance between one or more outlets, or weld segments.
6. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a flow restricting layer provided upstream of the outlets.
7. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 1, wherein comprising a vent for an ostomy pouch, the vent includes comprising aperture means having a plurality of aperture for outletting gas through said vent, and a flow restricting layer upstream of the aperture means, and adhesive sticker means which can be positioned to selectively block one or more areas of the aperture means.
8. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the aperture means comprises a plurality of individual vent apertures.

9. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the sticker means comprises a plurality of stickers or sticker segments.

10. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the sticker means is positioned or positionable to selectively block all of the area of the aperture means.

11. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the flow restricting layer comprises microporous material.

12. The Apparatus apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the pouch comprises a first wall provided with the vent and with a comfort layer.

Claims 13-23 (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~An ostomy pouch~~ according to claim 1, further comprising an adhesive wafer for securing the pouch to a person's skin, wherein the wafer, or a cover layer provided on the wafer, is provided with guidelines for enabling a person to cut the wafer to a desired aperture size, the guidelines including at least one generally circular guideline and at least one generally non-circular guideline.

25. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~An ostomy pouch~~ according to claim 7, further comprising an adhesive wafer for securing the pouch to a person's skin, wherein the wafer, or a cover layer provided on the wafer, is provided with guidelines for enabling a person to cut the wafer to a desired aperture size, the guidelines including at least one generally circular guideline and at least one generally non-circular guideline.

Claims 26-27 (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising an adhesive wafer for directly or indirectly securing an ostomy pouch to a person's skin, wherein the wafer, or a cover layer provided on the wafer, is provided with guidelines for enabling a person to cut the wafer to a desired aperture size, the guidelines including at least one generally circular guideline, and at least one generally non-circular guideline.

29. (Currently amended) ~~A wafer~~ The apparatus according to claim 28, where the non-circular guideline or guidelines has or have a race-track shape.

30. (Currently amended) ~~A wafer~~ The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein a plurality of the circular guidelines and plurality of the non-circular guidelines are provided.

Claims 31-32 (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a A body-side device for attachment to an ostomy pouch, the body-side device comprising an adhesive wafer for directly or indirectly securing the ostomy pouch to a person's skin, and a coupling portion for releasable fastening to the pouch, wherein the wafer, or a cover layer provided on the wafer, is provided with guidelines for enabling a person to cut the wafer to a desired aperture size, the guidelines including at least one generally circular guideline, and at least one generally non-circular guideline, and wherein the wafer is secured to the coupling portion around a closed loop line of attachment, the line of attachment having a shape which is non-circular and non-race-track.

34. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~A device~~ according to claim 33, wherein the line of attachment is defined by a combination of a circular shape and a race-track shape, the combined shape corresponding to a silhouette of one superimposed on the other.